

**Town of Arlington Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC)  
Symmes Transportation Subcommittee (STS)**

Thursday, November 4, 2004

Town Hall Annex Second floor Conference Room, 5:00 PM

STS members present: Ed Starr (Chair), Elisabeth Carr-Jones, Jeff Maxtutis, Kevin O'Brien, Scott Smith

Others present: Terry Dash (Symmes Neighbor), Barry Faulkner (Arlington Redevelopment Board), Patrick McMahon (Symmes Redevelopment Associates)

**Administration**

The minutes of October 28, 2004 were approved.

**Emergency Vehicle Access Questions**

Ed Starr distributed a draft list of questions for the Town's Police and Fire departments regarding access to the Symmes site and the upper Brattle Hill neighborhood. Ed reported that he had spoken with Fire Chief Maimone, who had expressed concerns about the mechanics and maintenance of emergency vehicle only access at Woodside Lane.

**Woodside Lane Decision Criteria**

Scott Smith distributed a draft of criteria for decisions on the Symmes site access at Woodside Lane. The criteria were presented as lists of questions to be answered in the context of the TAC's Criteria for Transportation Decisions, under the categories of safety, mobility, equity, environment & public health and priority.

**Sidewalks and Pedestrian Issues**

Elisabeth Carr-Jones distributed a draft map illustrating pedestrian destinations and routes in the Symmes area. The map highlighted problem areas for pedestrians walking to local schools, parks, bus routes and the Bikeway.

**Howard/Stein-Hudson Work Plan**

Patrick McMahon distributed a letter proposal for Special Permit Related Transportation Services from Howard/Stein-Hudson (HSH). The proposal was in response to tasks outlined in the Subcommittee's Plan for Transportation Tasks. The Subcommittee agreed to review the proposal and send comments via e-mail. Patrick McMahon distributed a drawing of the proposed Summer Street, Brattle Street, Hemlock Street and Hospital Road intersection. The Subcommittee agreed to review the drawing for discussion at the next meeting.

**Legal Status of Paper Streets**

Kevin O'Brien reported that the paper street on Brattle Street at Millett Street appears to be owned by the Town. However, the adjacent deeds recognize the land as a lot instead of a street. Barry Faulkner stated that although the Town may have forfeited its right to build a roadway on the lot after 20 years, a pedestrian path is still a possibility. Kevin O'Brien agreed to look into the legal status of the Woodside to Yerxa paper street.

**The meeting adjourned at 7:00 PM.**

**Handouts:**

Agenda and draft Emergency Services Questions- from Ed Starr

Draft Decision Criteria for Woodside Lane - from Scott Smith

Minutes of October 28, 2004 meeting and Pedestrian Map - from Elisabeth Carr-Jones

HSH Letter Proposal and Summer St / Hospital Rd Drawing - from Patrick McMahon